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# THE EPIC RIDE

25/40 MILES | BROOKLYN WATERFRONT

## 2018 RIDE GUIDE



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## Dear Epic Rider,

Thank you for registering for the 10th annual **EPIC RIDE!** Very shortly you will be embarking on a 25 or 40-mile ride along the Brooklyn-Queens Waterfront, from Greenpoint to Riis Park Beach.

By participating in **THE EPIC RIDE**, you are supporting Brooklyn Greenway Initiative, the non-profit organization committed to the development, establishment, and long-term stewardship of the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. When complete, this 14-mile landscaped route for pedestrians and cyclists will connect residents and visitors in waterfront communities to parks and open spaces, cultural districts, and commercial corridors from Greenpoint to Bay Ridge.

When riding **THE EPIC**, we invite you to envision a completed Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. You will experience the diversity of Brooklyn's and Queens' neighborhoods, and take in breathtaking waterfront views, all while supporting a great cause!

As you pedal through, make sure you follow the road rules and take in the sights along the way. We look forward to celebrating with you at the finish party with live music, food and drink and a swim in the sea!



Terri Carta  
Executive Director



For over a decade, Brooklyn Greenway Initiative (BGI) has been the catalyst for the establishment, development and long-term stewardship of the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway.

Today, the Greenway consists of 23 NYC DOT capital projects, spanning 14-miles from Greenpoint to Bay Ridge:

- 6 miles of the Greenway are now available for public use.
- 4 additional segments are now in design and engineering.
- BGI and our partners at the NYC Department of Transportation are actively seeking funding to move more segments toward implementation.

### MAINTAINING THE GREENWAY

Now that the Greenway is being implemented, BGI is planning for the long-term stewardship and maintenance of the 14-mile route and numerous adjacent green spaces currently under development.

### GREEN SPACES

BGI is currently leading the design development for green spaces adjacent to the trunk Greenway route, including: The Naval Cemetery Landscape, developed in partnership with the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, which opened in Spring 2016, and Columbia Waterfront Park, a two-acre property in the Columbia Waterfront District. As additional funds are secured, more green spaces along the Greenway will be identified and designed.

### PROGRAMS & EVENTS

BGI hosts a variety of community and corporate volunteer projects, tours, and events throughout the year including: The Brooklyn Greenway Half, a half marathon and 5K exclusively on the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway; Greenway + Industry, a Brooklyn business networking event.

Get involved by donating today or join our volunteer team!



# PREPARING FOR THE RIDE

Riders should be experienced and confident riding with traffic on the roads and be able to maintain a pace of 10 mph. It is your responsibility to ensure that your bike is tuned up, tires fully inflated and ready to go.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING:



- Helmet (required to participate): Make sure it fits snugly
- Water bottle: Filled with water
- Sunblock
- Money: Although we provide light refreshments at rest stops, you may want to buy lunch and sample fare from the Riis Beach Bazaar vendors.
- Metro Card: You may want to take the A train home from the beach
- Turn Sheet
- Cellphone
- Photo ID
- Swim suit and Towel



## THE EPIC RIDE ROUTE

- Will be sent next week!



## FOLLOWING THE ROUTE

Print the turn sheet once we send it and bring it with you. Extras will be available at the start and rest stops in case you lose yours.

There will be no street closures. Bicyclists and ride marshals ride along greenways and streets and must obey all traffic laws. There will be marshals escorting the tour; look for their bright orange t-shirts and ask them for directions if you need assistance.

## MARINE PARKWAY AND CROSS BAY BRIDGES:

Always walk your bike. For everyone's safety please, you must walk your bike on the bridge walkway throughout the entire bridge -- don't ride.

## GET THE OFFICIAL EPIC RIDE T-SHIRT: \$20



### Get the official Epic Ride tech tee!

Pre-ordered shirts will be available for pick-up at the Starting Line.

A limited number of additional Epic t-shirts will be available for sale on ride day at the start and finish lines.

# ALONG THE ROUTE



## SUPPORT AND GEAR (SAG)

Ride marshals, sweep teams, a vehicle with room for bikes and passengers, and EMTs work together as the SAG for the ride, assisting riders who encounter any difficulty or who are unable to finish. If you need assistance, a ride marshal can contact SAG to take you to the finish line. If you need medical attention, a ride marshal will call the EMT team or you can call 911.



## RIDE MARSHALS & COURSE MARSHALS

Ride marshals are volunteers on bikes who ride along with you and are there to help during the ride. Course Marshals will be stationed along the route and will be on foot to help direct riders. You'll be able to identify them by their bright orange t-shirts. Feel free to ask a marshal for help at any point.



## SWEEP TEAMS

Sweep teams bring up the rear of the ride. They are the last volunteers on the tour and they close rest stops as they pass through. Sweeps ride at 10mph and if they catch up to you, it means that you'll need to pick up your pace or you may have to ride unaccompanied to the end.



## MECHANICS

We have partnered with local bike stores and bike groups to provide mechanic services at locations along the route. Some ride marshals will have bike maintenance kits and be able to offer simple bike repair. If your bike needs intensive work, make your way to the nearest rest stop or bike shop.



## REST STOPS

There are two rest stops providing complimentary light refreshments, water stations and restrooms along the route.

### Owl's Head Park, Bay Ridge

- 11.8 mile mark /Open from 9:00am-10:30am

### The Ryan Visitor Center, Floyd Bennett Field

- 23 mile mark /Open from 10:30am-12:30pm



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Please join us in making The Epic Ride 2018 the cleanest and greenest ever!

How can you help?

- Use our recycling and compost systems to minimize waste
- Bring your own water bottles.
- Take public transport to the ride start



## BIKE RENTAL

Don't have a bike? Not sure if it's in good working order? Don't want to ride those extra miles to the start line and back from the finish line?

We have partnered with [UnlimitedBiking.com](#) so you can ride The Epic on a new bike that will be delivered to the Start and collected from the Finish line.\*

\*includes helmet.

[CLICK HERE](#) to rent your bike. Order by July 19, 2018.



# RIDE DAY

Location	Site Opens	Check-in Close	Departing Time	Site Close
Greenpoint Fast Group	7:00 am	7:50 am	8:00 am	9:00 am
Greenpoint Leisure Group	7:30 am	8:20 am	8:30 am	9:00 am
Owl's Head Park Rest Stop 1	8:30 am			10:30 am
Ryan Visitor Center, Floyd Bennett Field Rest Stop 2	9:30 am			12:30 pm

We strongly recommend that you arrive as close to the check in opening times as possible to ensure prompt ride departure. Riders will not be granted entry to ride after check in closes. The wristband you will receive at check in will be your ticket to ride. To receive entry for the ride, please bring your ID, you do not need to bring ticket confirmation with you. You will receive a wristband which will mark you as part of the ride. It will also have your 1 beer ticket (for riders over 21 years of age) for the end of the ride.

Start Location	Greenpoint Landing, Greenpoint Enter on Commercial Street
Subway	G Train to Greenpoint Ave. (3 min. ride from subway)  L Train to Bedford Ave. (7 min. ride from subway)
Car	On-street parking available but scarce.
Bicycle	For cycling maps visit: <a href="http://transalt.org/resources/maps">transalt.org/resources/maps</a>

Rest Stop 1: Mile 12 Owl's Head Park	Colonial Rd & 68th Rd & Shore Rd, Bay Ridge
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Rest Stop 1: Mile 23 Ryan Visitor Center at Floyd Bennett Field	Flatbush Ave.
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Finish Riis Park Beach Bazaar, Bay 9 Closes at 3:30 pm	The finish line is located at Riis Park Beach where complimentary bike valet parking will be available (closes at 3:30PM). Please leave your bikes at the valet and head to the boardwalk for the finish party with live music, and delicious food!
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# RETURN HOME



Finish Location	Riis Park Beach Bazaar, Bay 9
Subway	Return trip can be made by cycling to Rockaway Beach 116th St (2.5 miles) and taking the Shuttle S and transferring to the A train.
New York City Ferry	<b>DEPARTS:</b> Beach 108th Street and Beach Channel Drive Rockaway Park 11694. <b>ARRIVES:</b> Sunset Park, Brooklyn / Wall St./Pier 11 <b>COST:</b> \$2.75 one way, \$1 additional for bicycles <a href="#">Click here for more information about the boarding process</a>
Bicycle	Cross back over the Marine Parkway Bridge and cycle through Brooklyn instead of along the Waterfront. Return trip to the start line is 17 miles. <a href="#">View this route on Google Maps &gt; CLICK HERE</a>



STREET		TURN	STREET	DISTANCE IN MILES
Left	Commercial St	Continue	Shore Parkway	16.5
Right	Franklin St	Bear Right	End Of Park	17.4
Continue	Kent Ave	Bear Left	Around triangle onto Bay 52nd St.	17.5
Right	Williamsburg St. West	Right	Cropsey Ave	17.6
Right	Flushing Ave	Left	Neptune Ave	17.9
Right	Navy St	Right	Continue onto Emmons Ave	19.6
Left	Sands St (follow markings under Bridge)	Right	Brighton St	20.7
Right	Adams St	Left	Shore Parkway Greenway Path	20.8
Left	York St	Cross	Flushing Ave	22.7
Left	Front St	Right	Flushing Ave Greenway	22.7
Right	Old Fulton St	REST STOP 2: Floyd Bennett Field - RESTROOMS & REFRESHMENTS		23.2
Left	Furman St	TO COMPLETE THE 25 MILE RIDE USE BELOW- SKIP TO SECTION 5 FOR THE 40 MILE RIDE		
Right	Brooklyn Bridge Park Greenway - RESTROOMS	4.8		
Left	Atlantic Ave	5.8		
Right	Columbia St	5.9		
Right	Degraw St	6.3		
Left	Van Brunt St	6.4		
Right	Summit St	6.7		
Left	Imlay St	6.7		
<b>EPIC RIDE TURN SHEET</b>		TO COMPLETE THE 25 MILE RIDE USE BELOW- SKIP TO SECTION 5 FOR THE 40 MILE RIDE		
Left	Ryan Visitor Center	REST STOP 2:		
Right	Flushing Ave Greenway	23.2		
Right	Aviation Rd	23.8		
Left	Marine Pkwy Bridge *DISMOUNT YOUR BIKE	24		
Left	Beach 168th St	24.9		
Left	Pathway to Finish Line	25		
STREET		TURN	STREET	DISTANCE IN MILES
Left	Pioneer St	TO COMPLETE THE 40 MILE RIDE		
Right	Richards St	Right	Flushing Ave Greenway	23.2
Left	Coffey St	Right	Shore Parkway Greenway <small>DISMOUNT BIKE BEFORE BRIDGE ENTRANCE</small>	24.1
Left	Otsego St	OPTIONAL STOP: Canarsie Pier - RESTROOMS		26.8
Right	Bay St	Right	5	84th St
Cross	Court St	Left	168th St	29.8
Left	Smith St	Right	Cross Bay Blvd	30.8
Right	Hamilton Ave	OPTIONAL STOP: Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge - RESTROOMS		31.3
Continue	3rd Ave	Left	E 20th Rd	33.6
Cross	39th St	Cross	Bay Bridge	35
Cross	41st St	Left	Beach Channel Dr	35.1
Cross	53rd St	Left	Beach 101st St	35.8
Right	68th St	Right	Shore Front Parkway	36.2
Right	ENTER Owl's Head Park - RESTROOMS	Right	Beach 108th St	36.5
Left	Shore Rd	Left	Rockaway Beach Blvd	37
Right	Bay Ridge Ave.	Left	Before Jacob Riis Park Sign (140th)	37.1
Left	Shore Parkway Greenway	Cross	Continue straight onto Rockaway Beach Blvd	38.9
Right	SAG Pull Off Area, Mile 14.1 and Mile 15	Right	Continue onto Rockaway Beach Blvd	39
Left	Bay Parkway	Left	Bear Right	39.5
Cross		Left	Bear Left	40
<b>EPIC AFTER PARTY!</b>		Walk up heartwalk to Beach 9th St Concessions for the <b>EPIC AFTER PARTY!</b>		

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## THANK YOU!

Special thanks to everyone who made the THE EPIC RIDE possible!

### ROUTE ASSISTANCE

- NYC Department of Transportation
- NYC Police Department
- Port Authority of NY and NJ
- Brooklyn Bridge Park
- NYC Department of Park and Recreation

### VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all our ride marshals and volunteers, we wouldn't be able to put the ride on without you!

### RIDERS

Thanks for joining us, and showing your support of the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway

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Any contribution helps to the completion of our 14 Mile Greenway!  
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